75. Az-Zahir (The Manifest)

"Allah is more manifest than any manifestation, yet eyes fail to see Him not because of His hiddenness, but because of the intensity of His appearance."

- Ibn Arabi (1165-1240 CE)
Source: "Fusus al-Hikam"
(The Bezels of Wisdom)

A person's sight and heart will be noor if he reads this Beautiful Name 500 times daily - Al Hisnul Hasin

A person who recites this Beautiful Name of Allah 33 times daily will soon begin to perceive the hidden secrets, of Allah and love and admiration for Allah will develop in his heart
- Al Hisnul Hasin

76. Al-Batin (The Hidden)

"The hidden treasure desired to be known, so He created the universe. Yet even in this revelation, He remains hidden except to the eye of the heart."

- Ruzbihan Baqli (1128-1209 CE) Source: "Mashrab al-Arwah" (The Drinking Place of Spirits)

Anyone who says with sincerity the following words after performing 2 Rak'aat Salaah, all his needs will be fulfilled:

هُوَ الْاَوَّلُ وَالْاٰخِرُ وَالظَّاهِرُ وَالْبَاطِنُ ۚ وَهُوَ بِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ عَلِيْمٌ

He is the First and The Last and The Manifest and The Hidden. He has power over all things - Al Hisnul Hasin

BI'ISMIHI TA'AALA

Asmaa ul Husna

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The Most Beautiful Names of Allah ﷻ

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AZ-ZAAHIR ﷻ, AL-BAATIN ﷻ (THE APPARENT ﷻ, THE HIDDEN ﷻ)

Zaahir (apparent) is the opposite of Baatin (hidden). However Allaah ﷻ is both Az-Zaahir and Al-Baatin (apparent and hidden). He ﷻ is hidden because He ﷻ cannot be visually seen, as other creations are. Allaah ﷻ's status and rank is far above being witnessed with temporary and transitory eyes. Allaah ﷻ is apparent by means of clear and open proofs which point to the existence of His Being. Similarly, the qualities of Allaah ﷻ, as well as His works, are a means of gaining His recognition and coming to know His Being. In summary, Allaah ﷻ is Zaahir (apparent) in this aspect that He ﷻ can be recognized by the intellect and clear proofs; and He ﷻ is Baatin (hidden) in this aspect that He cannot be seen as other things are seen. He ﷻ is that Being who is hidden from the gazes of the creation. His reality cannot be imagined. However He ﷻ can be identified by His signs and His actions. His Being is lofty and free from any imperfections.

Another meaning of Al-Baatin ﷻ and Az-Zaahir ﷻ is that Being who is veiled from the gaze of those who see, and is manifest for the hearts of those who ponder.

A third meaning is that He ﷻ is the Being who is fully aware of those matters which are apparent, as well as those unseen matters which are hidden.Allaah ﷻ and all matters connected to Him are in the unseen. He ﷻ is hidden from the creation. No one can ever see Him in this world. In the hereafter, eyes will never be able to encompass His Being. We do not possess any knowledge regarding Him, except that which He desires to inform us, amongst which are His qualities which He ﷻ has described to us in His Book or which Rasulullaah ﷺ explained to us. Despite all of this, He ﷻ is apparent to His creation on account of His actions, His signs which are in the Quraan as well as those which are open before us. Whoever deliberates and ponders over the heavens and earth and

whatever is between it, will certainly realize that there must be a creator and controller of this entire universe. Allaah ﷻ states, “Verily in the creation of the heavens and earth, and the alternation of the nights and days are signs for the people of intelligence – those who remember Allaah whilst standing, sitting and on their sides and ponder regarding the creation of the heavens and earth. (They utter,) “O our Sustainer! You have not created this in vain. You are pure from every fault, save us from the punishment of the Fire!” (Aal-Imraan)

Just as we are unable to see hidden and concealed objects, similarly we cannot see those things which are so extremely bright that it dazzles our eyes. Since the sun is extremely brilliant, and is amongst the most self-evident and apparent creations, our physical eyes and mental abilities becomes dazzled before its light. Some people of extremely weak sight cannot see it, despite it being so clear.

He ﷻ is Razzaaq (the giver of sustenance.) This quality of His providence is clear.

He ﷻ is Khaaliq (the Creator) and His quality of creating is apparent.

He ﷻ is Rahmaan and Raheem (Most Merciful, Extremely Merciful). His quality of mercy is evident.

He ﷻ is Qaadir (Most Powerful). His power is perceptible.

He ﷻ is Maalik (The Owner). His control and ownership is clear before all of creation.

He ﷻ is Aleem (All-Knowledgeable). His knowledge is known to all.

He ﷻ is Lateef (Soft). This quality is recognized by every person.

He ﷻ is Qahhaar (The Mighty) .His force and authority is noticeable.

He ﷻ is Badi’. His marvellousness and uniqueness is visible.

He ﷻ is Samee' (All-Hearing) and Baseer (All-Seeing).

He ﷻ does as He intends. فَعَّالٌ لِّمَا يُرِيْدُ Every eye sees the signs of His intentions and doings.

He ﷻ is Muhyi (Giver of life). At every moment, countless creations are given life by Him.

He ﷻ is Mumeet (Giver of death). None can ever deny His quality of giving death.

He ﷻ is Muhsi (The Being who enumerates). He ﷻ will never err or forget in His calculations.

He is Azeem (Splendid). His splendour is established.

He ﷻ is Jaleel (Exalted). His exaltedness and rank is perfect and faultless.

He is Kareem (Generous). His generosity is visible.

He is Azeez (Over-Powering). His dominance is over everything.

He ﷻ is Rabb (Sustainer). Every single thing testifies to His quality of nurturing.

In short, He ﷻ is completely visible and evident by His qualities. Zaahir ﷻ refers to that Being whose manifestation is far above everything else. Since manifestation is a subsidiary branch of existence, Allaah ﷻ's existence surpasses and precedes all other things in existence. Thus, His being manifest and visible is of the highest form. There is nothing in the universe more manifest than Him ﷻ. The manifestations of His power and wisdom are apparent in every atom of the universe. He is Baatin ﷻ with regards to His Being. No intellect or thought can ever be able to recognize its reality.